

ABSTRACT

An insulation displacement terminal 3 is formed entirely of an integral metal sheet. The terminal includes first and second plate-like insulation displacement groove-forming portions 71 and 72 opposed to each other in a first direction X along which an insulated wire extends. Each of the insulation displacement groove-forming portions 71 and 72 has an insulation displacement blade 74 of a U-shape defining an insulation displacement groove 73. Bottom portions of the insulation displacement groove-forming portions 71 and 72 are interconnected by an interconnecting portion 75. A lead 12 extends downwardly from one side edge of the interconnecting portion 75. A holding space R for an insulation of the insulated wire is formed between a pair of plate portions 78 and 79 which are formed respectively at opposite side edges of the first insulation displacement groove-forming portion 71 by bending. Each of the plate portions 78 and 79 has a retaining projection 80 and a bendable piece portion 81. Retaining projections 76, 77 extend respectively from the opposite side edges of each of the insulation displacement groove-forming portions 71 and 72.